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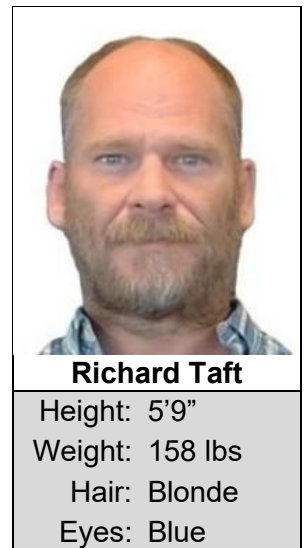
Level 1 Sex Offender Notification Richard Taft

New Address: 10242 E. 34th Place – Yuma, AZ 85365

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) is releasing the following information pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3825, the Community Notification on Sex Offenders Law. The offender in this publication is living within Yuma County. It is the responsibility of the Chief Law Enforcement Office having jurisdiction where the offender resides to make notifications to the community. Notification must be made when certain sex offenders are released from the Arizona State Prison, accepted under an interstate compact or released from the county jail back into the community. Offenders are categorized into three levels: Level One (low risk to the community), Level Two (intermediate risk to the community), and Level Three (high risk to the community).

The individual who appears on this notification, **Richard Taft, 51**, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Richard Taft has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 10242 E. 34th Place in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 5 feet 9 inches tall, 158 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On February 11, 2000, Taft pleaded guilty to one count of Rape in the Third Degree in the Clackamas County Circuit Court in Oregon City, Oregon. He was sentenced to 45 days in the Clackamas County Jail, followed by 60 months of probation. Following 4 probation violations, his probation was revoked, and he ultimately served a total of 7 months in the Clackamas County Jail, followed by 2 years of post-prisoner supervision



Richard Taft is considered a Level 1 sex offender with a low risk to reoffend.

This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is our belief that an informed community is a safer community. The YCSO has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he/she chooses. Citizen abuses of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated. Sex Offenders have always lived in our communities; but because of Megan's law, law enforcement is now able to share this information with you.

The YCSO would like to remind the public of the registered sex offender and community notification program Offender Watch. To register for free email alerts or search for sex offenders in your area, please visit the YCSO [OffenderWatch](#) page.

If you have information regarding current criminal activity on this or any other offender, please call the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at (928) 783-4427.

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